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Project Description

The Birmingham Health Care for the Homeless Coalition (BHCHC) provides acute care services with linkages to community services as well as advocacy for development of services where they do not exist. BHCHC first received funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 1985.

Services

BHCHC provides outreach and assistance in accessing community services, treatment of acute illnesses and chronic disease management, referrals for specialty care, health education/promotion, preventive dental care, case management, mental health and substance abuse services, respite care, child development services, job training, and housing acquisition and renovation. In addition to the central service site, clinics are located in shelters, soup kitchens, and a mobile health unit. Health services are provided by 10 paid and volunteer providers along with additional support from medical students.

Linkages

BHCHC is a founding member of Metropolitan Birmingham Services for the Homeless and works closely with the County Health Department, local shelters, and other service providers. BHCHC maintains cooperative agreements with community providers, including Jefferson County Health Department, Children's Hospital, University of Alabama at Birmingham Sparks Center for Developmental Delays, The Family Clinic, Birmingham City Schools, Comprehensive Child Development Program, Jefferson County Head Start, Child Care Resources, and other agencies, shelters, and service providers with a focus on families.

Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 11,000 Project users: 10,428

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Project Description

Franklin Primary Health Center operates the H.E. Savage Health Care for the Homeless Program which provides health care to individuals who are homeless and at-risk of homelessness in a downtown "store front" clinic and through linkages with 10 community health centers. Transportation, referrals, social services, health education, and support groups are also provided to homeless clients as well as mental health and substance abuse services.

Services

Services provided include primary health care, vision and comprehensive dental care, 24 hour emergency health care services, substance abuse assessments and outpatient detoxification, outreach, case management and social services, eligibility assistance for entitlement programs, and transportation assistance. Referrals and contract arrangements enhance outreach and provide mental health treatment, case management, substance abuse treatment, specialty and diagnostic medical care, emergency room services, and inpatient care.

Linkages

Mental health services are provided onsite and through referral by Mobile Mental Health. Residential substance abuse treatment is offered through Waterfront Rescue Mission, Dauphinway Lodge, The Salvation Army, Home of Grace, Mission of Hope, Penelope House, Way of Life, and Franklin Substance Abuse Treatment Center. The HCH program also has linkages with Save Our People (outreach for runaway teens), Light House (for abused women and children), Sybel Smith Family Village (transitional housing), and 15 Place (daytime shelter).

Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 5,000 Project users: 6,000